1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	(B) UNION TERRITORIES						
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5.3	3.3	8.6	5.3	3.2	8.5
31.	Chandigarh	48.4	11.5	59.9	44.0	18.7	62.7
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.8	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.4	1.2
33.	Delhi	616.5	252.5	869.0	557.7	255.5	813.2
34.	Daman & Diu	2.6	0.9	3.5	2.6	1.0	3.6
35.	Lakshadweep	1.7	—	1.7	1.7	—	1.7
36.	Pondicherry	57.0	33.6	90.6	57.0	33.6	90.6
	Total	20480.6	7308.3	27788.9	20936.1	7724.2	28660.3

NOTE: *No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.
Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Child Labour

1267. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court on January 24, 2002 referred to the fact that 44 to 100 million children are forced to work in hazardous industries, and directed that the "All India evil" be banned to keep the promise made to "the children under the Constitution"; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to carry out direction of the Apex Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court on 29th March, 2001 directed the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to prepare a scheme taking into consideration all that would be needed for the welfare of child labour. The Scheme was to be prepared within three months from the date of the order.

On 24th January 2002, the Hon'ble Supreme Court granted an extension of 8 weeks for finalization of the scheme. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has prepared a "Scheme for

Welfare of Working Children in Need for Care & Protection", for which financial approval was obtained on 4th March 2002. Action to submit the scheme to the Hon'ble Supreme Court has already been initiated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Irregularities in Kendriya Bhandar

1268. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that items like ink cartridges, towels, stapler machines (numbering 25 items) worth about Rs. 10 lakhs whose closing balance as per stock was running in minus were shown sold and huge balances was shown in physical verification in hand, in Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) whether counter manager has been charge-sheeted for this amongst other grounds;

(c) if so, whether the matter has been investigated and any action taken against the individual and senior officers engaged in supervision; and

(d) whether Kendriya Bhandar sold items, like computers, photocopier papers of Modi Xerox, JK at higher rates than the market price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):(a) There are minus balances in respect of some of the items, reasons for which are as under:—

(i) Kendriya Bhandar sells items numbering a few thousands. Ledger postings of receipt and issue is done manually. Mistakes can occur in postings which get detected at the time of stock verification.

(ii) Recordings of sales/issues before recording of receipts etc.

Kendriya Bhandar Management is fully aware of this and are taking steps to rectify the shortcomings in the system by computerisation.

(b) Yes, Sir.